

STATE BOARD FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

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General Fund	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Estimate	FY 2000 Approved	FY 2001 Approved
FTE Positions	3.0	6.0	8.0	8.0
Personal Services	131,700	203,900	206,700	210,800
Employee Related Expenditures	25,400	48,900	48,500	50,600
Professional and Outside Services	4,900	103,000	103,000	103,000
Travel - In State	2,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Travel - Out of State	2,700	10,000	10,000	10,000
Other Operating Expenditures	5,700	39,400	67,500	67,500
Equipment	500	0	20,000	0
Operating Subtotal	172,900	415,200	465,700	451,900
Charter School Monitoring	0	0	200,000	200,000
Total Appropriations	172,900	415,200	665,700 ^{1/2/3/}	651,900 ^{1/2/3/}

Agency Description — *The board reviews and approves charter school applications, including renewal applications, and monitors the schools that it sponsors for compliance with the provisions of their individual charters. It consists of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, 6 members of the general public, 2 members of the business community who are appointed by the Governor, and 3 members of the Legislature who serve as advisory members.*

Rent — The approved FY 2000 amount includes a \$1,900 increase for rent. This increase is to cover higher anticipated rent costs, since the board will be moving out of the Department of Education and into private sector office space (which is expected to be more expensive) for FY 2000. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Bill) transfers some charter school oversight responsibilities from the Auditor General to the board starting in FY 2000. These amounts are continued in FY 2001.

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One-Time Equipment — The approved FY 2000 amount includes one-time funding of \$20,000 in order to equip the board's new office with furniture, computers and miscellaneous equipment.

Survey of Charter School Employees — The approved amount includes an increase of \$25,000 in order to fund a survey of charter school employees. This amount is continued in FY 2001. The goal of the survey is to obtain ratings of charter school quality based on input from charter school employees.

Charter School Monitoring — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$200,000 and 2 FTE Positions for charter school monitoring. Increased monitoring costs are anticipated because of continued growth in the number of charter schools under the board's sponsorship. Furthermore, Laws 1999, Chapter 4, 1st Special Session (the Education Omnibus Reconciliation

^{1/} The State Board for Charter Schools shall conduct a survey of parents of charter school students in order to establish parent quality ratings for every charter school in this state. Each charter school in this state shall provide the board with the information needed in order to conduct the survey. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
^{2/} The appropriated amount includes \$25,000 in FY 2000 and \$25,000 in FY 2001 to conduct a survey of employees in each charter school in this state in order to determine, for each employee, the employee's quality rating for the charter school where the employee works. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
^{3/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.